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Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on Nagorno-Karabakh, issued at Lisbon on 22 May 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement on Nagorno-Karabakh issued by the European Community and its member States on 22 May 1992

The Community and its member States express their deepest concern at the latest escalation of the fighting in the Nagorno-Karabakh region and strongly condemn the use of force by whatever side. The Community and its member States deplore the renewed suffering inflicted on populations and the loss of human life resulting from the continuing fighting.

All inhabitants of both Armenia and Azerbaijan, including the Armenian and Azeri populations of Nagorno-Karabakh are entitled to the same levels of protection afforded by their Government's acceptance of the principles and commitments of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). Therefore, the Community and its member States condemn in particular as contrary to these principles and commitments any actions against territorial integrity or designed to achieve political goals by force, including the driving out of civilian populations. The fundamental rights of Armenian and Azeri populations should be fully restored, in the context of existing borders.

The Community and its member States appeal to Armenia and Azerbaijan to show maximum restraint and to contribute constructively to the CSCE process. In this context they also urge all parties to work towards the early convening of the CSCE peace conference on Nagorno-Karabakh and to find a solution regarding the modalities of a representation of the communities of Nagorno-Karabakh, without which no lasting peace can be established.